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 Examiner : Nguyen, Huy Thanh  
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Total claims	4	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50(25)	= \$ 0
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Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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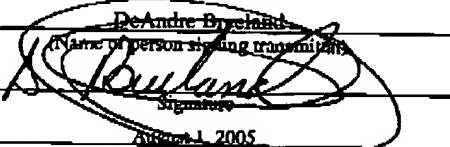
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2005 having a three-month  
statutory period for response set to expire on August 5, 2005, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.